

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S433–S480

Measures Introduced: Sixty-six bills and thirteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 461–526, S.J. Res. 14–17, S. Res. 71–78, and S. Con. Res. 4.

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Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Kansas City Chiefs: Senate agreed to S. Res. 71, congratulating the Kansas City Chiefs on their victory in Super Bowl LVII.

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National Elizabeth Peratrovich Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 77, designating February 16, 2023, as “National Elizabeth Peratrovich Day”.

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Authorizing Senate blood drives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 78, authorizing the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate to conduct quarterly blood donation drives.

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Appointments:

Commission on the Future of the Navy: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 117–263, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on the Future of the Navy: Thomas W. “Tommy” Ross of Virginia.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate convene for pro forma sessions, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times: Friday, February 17, 2023, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 11 a.m.; Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, February 23, 2023, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 2023.

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Walker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jamar K. Walker, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provi-

sions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, February 16, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 2023.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 2023, Senator Lankford be recognized to deliver Washington’s Farewell Address, as provided under the previous order of Tuesday, January 31, 2023; and that following his remarks, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, February 16, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 2023.

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Whitehead Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jamar K. Walker, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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Martinez-Olguin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Araceli Martinez-Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jamal N. Whitehead, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Page S438**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S438**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S438**

Guzman Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Margaret R. Guzman, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Araceli Martinez-Olguin, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. **Page S438**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S438**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S438**

Kahn Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Pages S441–51**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 24), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S441**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that all post-cloture time be considered expired on the nomination and the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S451**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 22), Daniel J. Calabretta, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Page S437**

By 61 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 23), Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S433–36, S437–38**

Jill E. Steinberg, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years. **Page S451**

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S476–77**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Sfraga, of Alaska, to be Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs.

40 Army nominations in the rank of general.

8 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

46 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S479**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S455**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S465**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—24) **Pages S437–38, S441**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S477.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignment for the 118th Congress:

Subcommittee on Commodities, Risk Management, and Trade: Senators Smith (Chair), Gillibrand, Durbin, Booker, Warnock, Fetterman, Hyde-Smith, McConnell, Ernst, Tuberville, and Grassley.

Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy: Senators Welch (Chair), Klobuchar, Bennet, Smith, Durbin, Luján, Tuberville, Ernst, Braun, Grassley, and Fischer.

Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources: Senators Bennet (Chair), Klobuchar, Smith, Luján, Warnock, Welch, Marshall, McConnell, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, and Thune.

Subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Organics, and Research: Senators Fetterman (Chair), Brown, Klobuchar, Gillibrand, Booker, Warnock, Braun, McConnell, Ernst, Marshall, and Tuberville.

Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Local Food Systems, and Food Safety and Security: Senators Gillibrand (Chair), Brown, Durbin, Booker, Luján, Welch, Hoeven, Hyde-Smith, Marshall, Thune, and Fischer.